

MONTEREY NEWS

JANUARY 1986



PLANNING BOARD MEETING

The Planning Board will have a special meeting on Thursday, January 23, at 7:30 p.m. to discuss possible revisions of the current multi-family housing by-law. The board hopes that all interested members of the community will attend to share their opinions.

TYPIST WANTED

WANTED: Somebody to type the *Monterey News*. Eileen Clawson has found that she can't afford to typeset the *News* at the fractional rates she has been charging us, considering that oftentimes the *News* deadlines interfere with her professional deadlines. We need somebody with a good typewriter, preferably one which accepts changeable typefaces, who will spend the four to seven hours a month necessary to type the *News*. We will pay an hourly rate agreed upon between us and you. If you're interested, call Marie Thompson at 528-1988.

REPORT ON DEER WEEK

It's pretty well agreed by all concerned that during fall 1985 Monterey had its most peaceful deer season in years. Police Chief Doug Lyman reported almost no incidents during the ten-day shotgun season and said he felt the efforts made by the Monterey Landowners' Association were a success.

Bob Gauthier, Welles Sellew and Lenny Weber constructed and erected bright orange signs at main entrances to town saying, "Hunters, Written Permission Required." Chief Lyman instructed the many hunters who came to his door that, "I don't care whether the land is posted or not. You ask permission wherever you intend to hunt." Arthur Somers, concerned that hunters might be frustrated by the rash of new posted signs along Monterey's roads, wrote his phone number of each of his signs. He said he felt like a king, receiving petitions and granting favors all week. Although "tension in the air" between residents and hunters was reported at the Roadside Store, and General Store employees said they were tempted, but not quite brave enough, to ask grumbling hunters there just where they *did* find a place to hunt, most residents found hunters cooperative and polite. Bob Gauthier kept several of the bright orange road signs in his garage, expecting to have to replace the ones torn down or shot full of holes, but he never had to bring them out. There were no large animals mistaken for deer this year, no awful confrontations between landowners and hunters, and no major vandalism or littering. Residents all over Monterey reported they hardly knew it was deer week, yet it is reported that there was a record deer kill in the southern Berkshires.

The New York Times, the Associated Press and public radio station WAMC called for interviews and published news of Monterey's approach. A radio station in Northampton reportedly extended the new status to the entire county, cautioning hunters, "If you're heading for the Berkshires, be prepared to ask permission to hunt."

Several neighboring towns took inspiration from Monterey's plan. Residents in Sandisfield are considering forming an association. New Marlborough instituted an impromptu system, relying on its local police department to patrol and issue notices of violations. Concerned landowners from Alford and Richmond have called and asked for help in forming associations similar to Monterey's and Tyringham's.

Monterey Association Planning Committee members are pleased with the results of its first deer season and intend to improve the system for next year. Doug Lyman advised members to get signs up even earlier this coming fall. Bill Mielke wants to figure out a way hunters can get permission to hunt on several adjacent lands with a single request. Trespassing signs are still available from Planning Committee members Lew Scheffey, Bill Mielke and Ellen Pearson for anyone who wants to plan ahead.

The Association is grateful to all the people who helped make things work so well this year, especially those law enforcement officials who declared themselves available to respond to calls from landowners. Special thanks to the Isaac Walton League for its encouragement and its pivotal meeting right before deer week, and to Representative Chris Hodgkins for his work getting the word out to all quarters that people in Monterey and Berkshire County are determined to have safe and orderly hunting in Western Massachusetts.



VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION HEALTH PROMOTION CLINIC SCHEDULE

The following is the schedule for Visiting Nurse Association Health Promotion Clinics being offered in January by the Southern Berkshire VNA. All clinics are free of charge to South County residents (donations are accepted). For full information call the SBVNA at 528-0130.

Otis 1:00-3:00	Jan. 7	Library
Sheffield 1:00-3:00	Jan. 14	Dewey Memorial Hall
Stockbridge 1:00-3:00	Jan. 15	Plain School
Gt. Barrington 1:00-3:00	Jan. 27	Senior Center
Sheffield 1:00-3:00	Jan. 28	Dewey Memorial Hall

AERIAL PHOTOS AVAILABLE

Aerial photographs of Berkshire County are available for reference from Berkshire Conservation District and purchase from the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service offices, Pittsfield.

At one time or another, anyone who is involved with land use decisions has used aerial photos. The photos primarily show present land uses. Many professions also use them as a tool in surveying, locating property boundaries, measuring acreage, showing land use changes, and planning a town or city level.

Black-and-white aerial photos which were flown in 1942, 1952, 1972 and 1980 offer an historical reference of land use changes that have occurred over almost 40 years in Berkshire County. This past August a series of color slides were flown covering most of the county.

The black-and-white and color slides may be reviewed in the BCD or ASCS office. However, for those who require individual copies, a nominal fee is charged to process black-and-white enlargements and reproductions of the color slides.

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— Eleanor Kimberley

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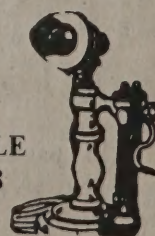
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MONTEREY GRANGE NEWS

On November 6, 1985, Monterey Grange #291 observed its 75th Anniversary with 81 present, representing 15 granges and five nonmembers. Honorary Deputy Arthur J. Lyman from Amherst presented 25-year pins to Ann Vickerman and J. Anthony Wallace; fourth prize, a \$75 bond, to Lecturer Mary Wallace; and 50-year pins to Marion Thomson and Fred Hastedt.

Pomona Deputy Alicia Brazie presented the Past Master's Jewel to Richard Hardisty, who was escorted by his father, Robert Hardisty, a Secretary's Award to Patricia Hardisty, and third prize for Youth Report to Patricia Hardisty and Tolitha Butler, co-chairmen.

Deputy Peter Morten presented first prize for Conservation Exhibit to Past Master Florence Brown and Ethel Warner. Membership member Janet Martin presented Photo Awards and first prize for her poem and second prize for Public Pasture Contest to Eleanor Kimberley.

Other state officers present were Deputy Gerald Celby, Special Deputy Norman Wilcox and Junior Director Ruth Chapman.

The beautiful anniversary cake was baked by one of our members, Terry Callan. Guy Shaw from Simsbury played selections on the dulcimer, and Norwood Renzer from Hudson, New York, played the accordion. There was a humorous skit with Alice Shaffer, Peter and Jeff Martin, Russell Borst and Richard Hardisty taking part.

Verna Borst read a letter written in 1951 by the late Charles M. Gardiner, High Priest, who installed the first officers of the Grange. Past Master Richard Hardisty read the History. The program closed with an anniversary program written by Rev. W. Ray Ward.

Monterey Grange #291 met November 20, when Pirate Bingo was played. There was a fund raiser at Price Chopper on December 9.

District Pomona Deputy Alicia Brazie was a guest. The Annual Christmas Party for members, their families and friends was scheduled for December 13.

Monterey Grange #291 met December 5 for a regular meeting, and members started to pack the Christmas cheer boxes while the youth decorated the hall for the Annual Christmas Party, which was held on December 13, with a program at 7:00 p.m., a covered dish supper following, and a gift exchange party for members, families and friends.

The Grange hopes its members and friends had a very Merry Christmas and wishes them a Happy New Year.

— Mary Wallace
Lecturer

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YOUTH NEWS

Girl Scout Troop #66

Troop #66 had a Bake Sale on December 14 in the Big Y Supermarket lobby. This was the major fund raiser for their trip to the Boston Science Museum. One meeting they made Christmas decorations which Maggie Kern and Pam Gillette sold at the West Stockbridge Arts and Crafts Show. This money also will go toward the Boston trip. They have started their needlepoint projects and hope to finish by Christmas. Cathy Rodgers has given of her time to assist the girls and Carol Sadlowski with these projects. The troop attended a Christmas Workshop at St. James Church sponsored by the Girl Scout Association. The girls made seven different Christmas crafts with seven other Brownie and Girl Scout troops from the area.

Tiger Cub Scouts

The boys met on November 12 with Cory Jassen and his mother in charge. They had fun working on lifesize portraits of each other. On December 10 they met with Mike Mielke and his father in charge. Each boy enjoyed decorating his own little Christmas tree with tinsel and ribbon. The next meeting is at Kevin Ohman's house on January 7.

Cub Scouts

The Cub Scout have been busy this month learning about hand tools and how to use them. Each of the boys filled out an individual interest sheet specifying what areas he was interested in. They went on a field walk and tried to recognize all the different types of trees. In addition, they are building a gravity car. They hope to recruit some new members for 1986.

Webelos

Chris Burkhart, Chris Callahan, Bill Goewey, Asa Hardcastle, Kip Loder, Michael Ohman, Mike Soncini and Colin Storti have worked on their Craftsman and Artist badges. Each boy is making stationery and working on a woodcraft project. The boys are planning a family Christmas sledding party on December 28 at the Callahans.

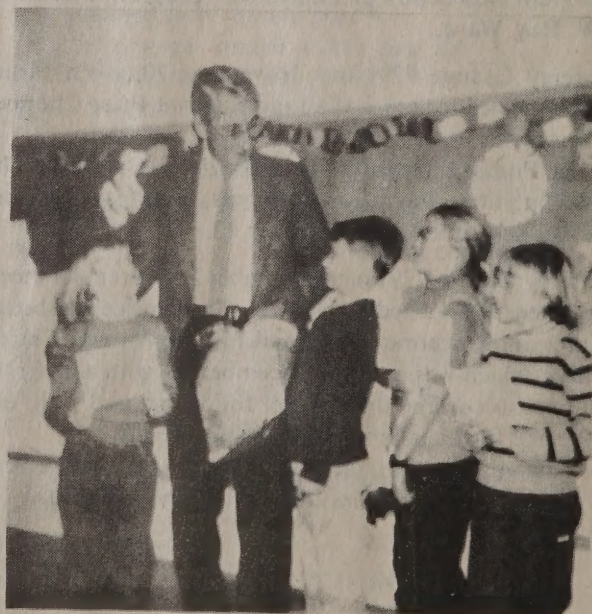


Meghan and Erin Sadlowski singing "in harmony" at the New Marlborough Central School Carol Sing on December 20.

PHOTO BY GEORGIANA O'CONNELL



Peter Amidon tells the story of *Thorn Rosa (Sleeping Beauty)* to the Monterey Kindergarten on December 13



Paul Langer, Elementary Supervising Principal, congratulating (left to right) Erin Sadlowski, Paul Makuc, Tish Thorpe and Meghan Sadlowski. These were some of the children at New Marlborough Central School who participated in the St. Jude Math-a-thon. Third and fourth graders at the school raised over \$925 for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis. Paul Makuc was the school champion, raising \$135!

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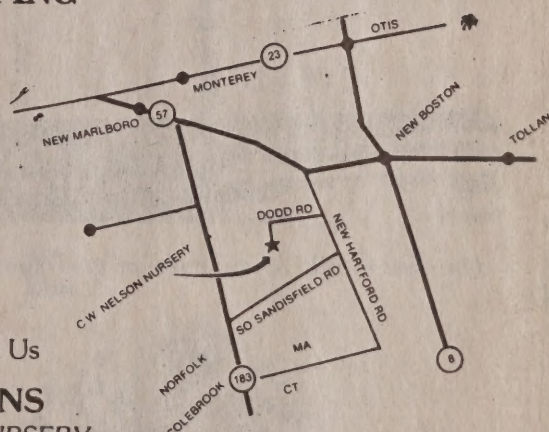


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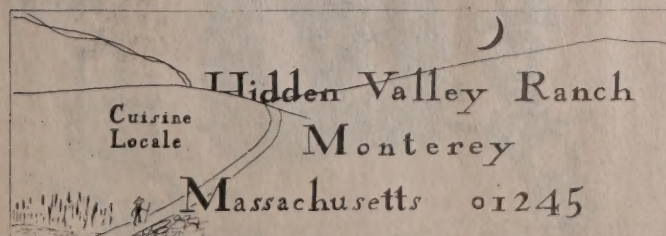
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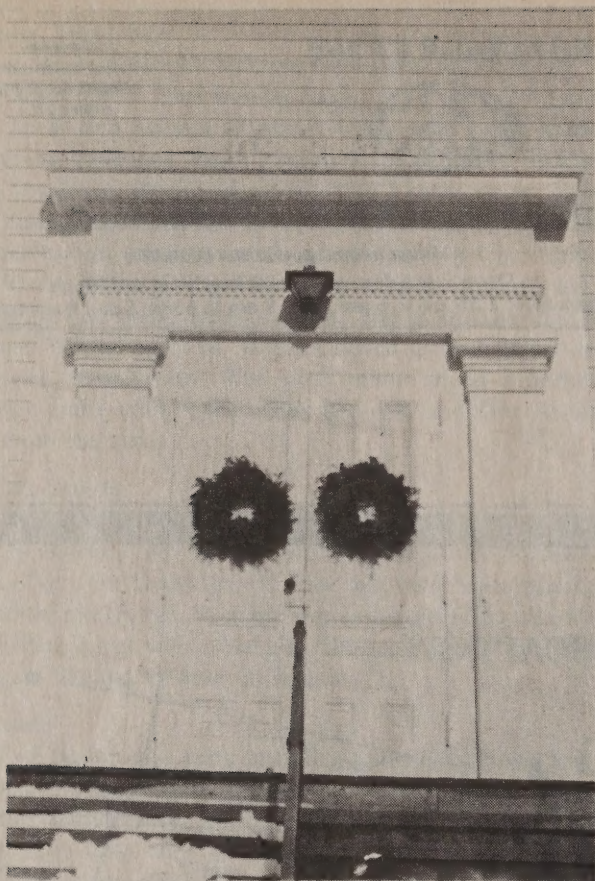
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Sunday, 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Immaculate Conception, Mill River

Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

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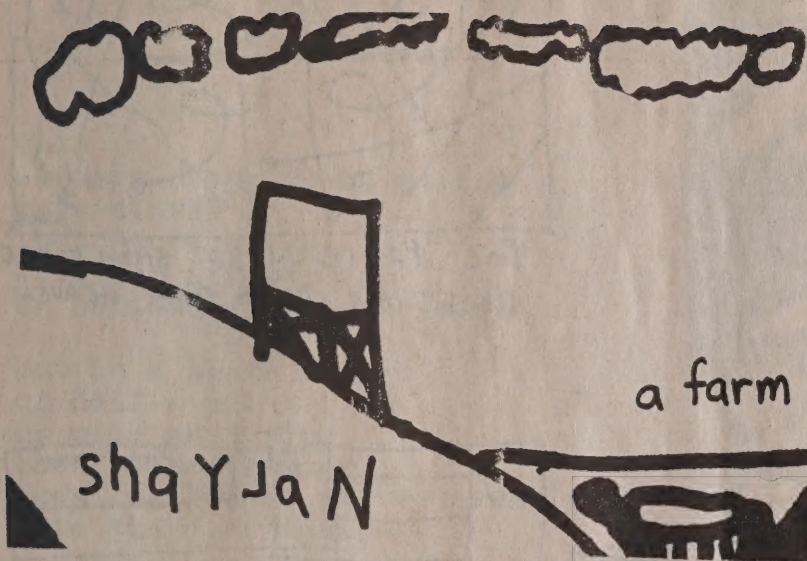
Church school, Sunday at 10:30 during morning worship. Morning worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with childcare at same time in the Social Room. Choir rehearsal Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. Meditation and prayer, 7:30 a.m. in the Social Room. All are invited. Prayer Group, Thursdays, 7:45 p.m. at the home of Lucy Smith.



Remember Cheri Briggs, lifeguard, and summer at the Town beach?



Monterey firehouse Christmas wreath



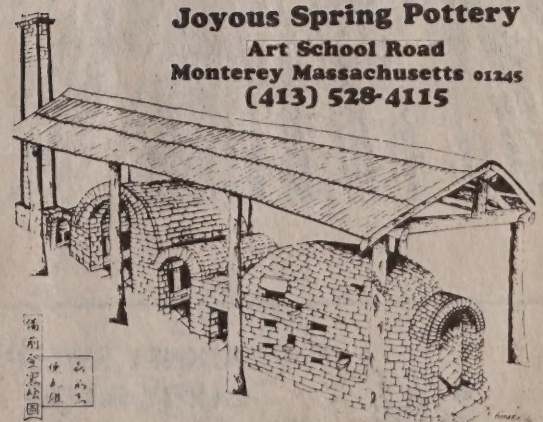
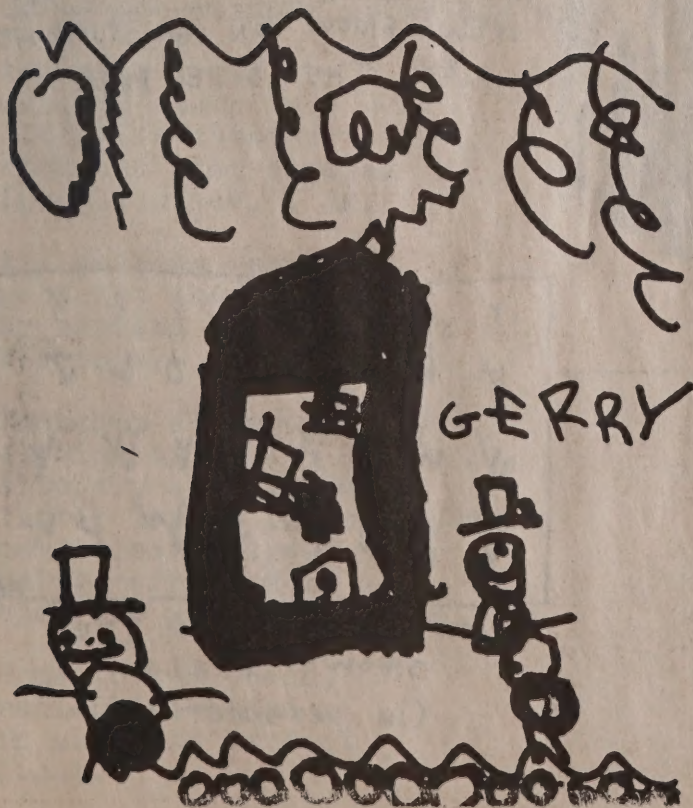
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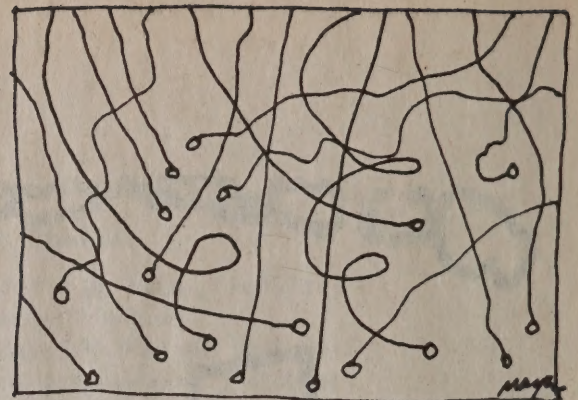
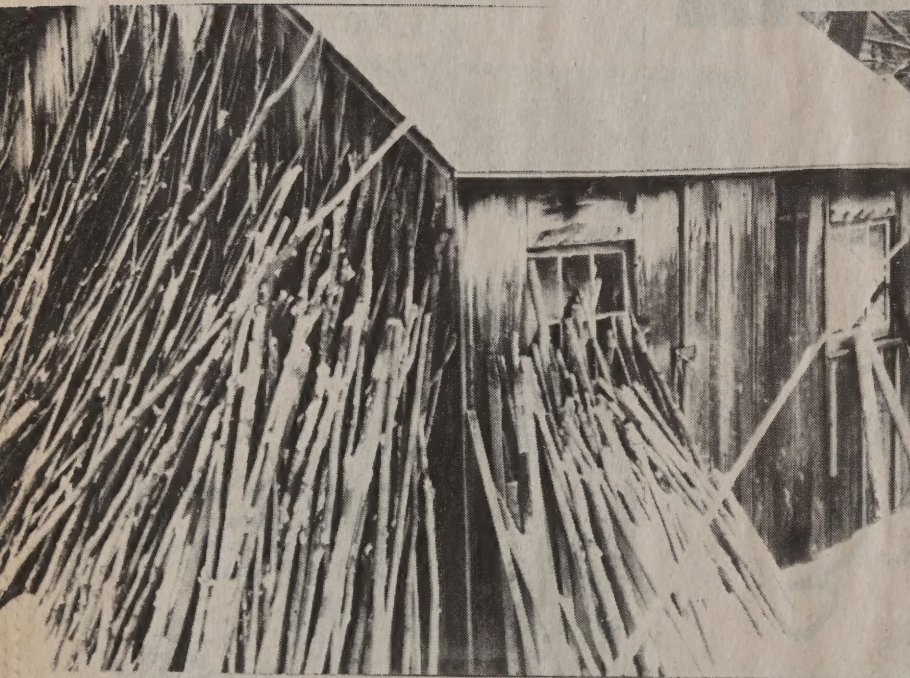
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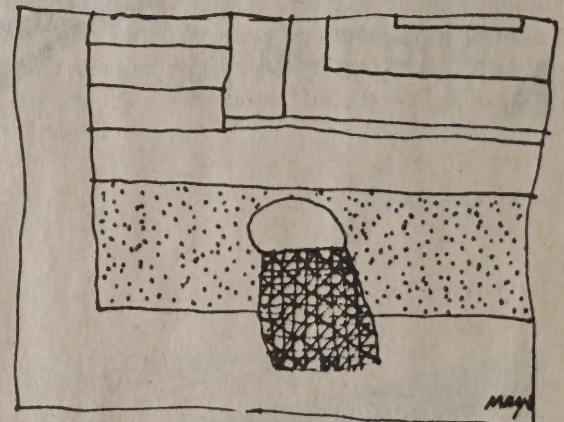
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The weight
of three thoughts
equals the mass
of 2 apple seeds,
held in the left
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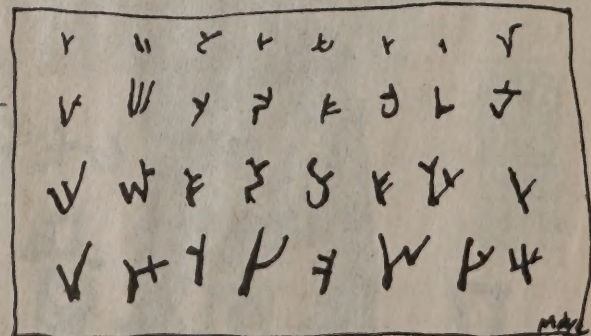
...outside
with winter
on the last hour
of January
by starlight.



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November October
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But in a blink or two
or half a nod-
It will be Spring
then steamy Summer
then the bright leaves crashing
into the dirt again-

The first flakes
The first big mighty snow storm,
Then the slushy, gooey
Thaw.
I see these changes
I feel this revolving
Parade
in the imagination
of my all-weather spine-eye-mind.

And here I sit
writing sleepily.
Winter is outside
with the star-angels.
In this place, I Am.

All seasons revolve
so I let them be
by serving their central
Viscosity.

Thoughts slide
gliding by
slippery and liquid...
little leaves in Mtn. Stream;
particles of trees
Being carried Home
upon the wending trickle.

Home to the Ocean,
radiantly bathed
in sure and perfect
Light.



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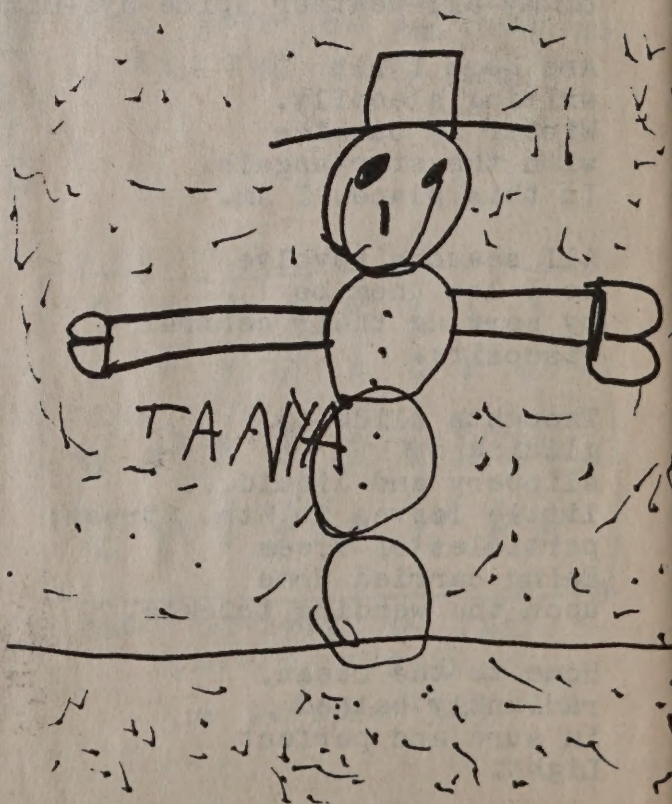
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by Leigh



*Vitia Thompson's first Christmas
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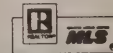
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INDIAN NOTES

Customs of the Mahicans

We are fortunate to have had an eye-witness of the daily lives of our local Indians who recorded his observations two hundred and fifty years ago. John Sergeant, the first missionary to the Mahicans, kept a journal which reveals much of his humane spirit as well as providing ethnographic notes on the Indians.

"February, 1735 . . . I was treated very well while I was with them (in their maple sugaring camps), and learn'd more of their manners and language than ever I had before. They are altogether without compliments in their treatment one of another. Children shew no sort of deference to their parents, either in word or carriage, more than to anybody else. They are very modest and the women and children bashful. They are kind one to another, and make everybody welcome in their way, that comes to their houses. When a stranger comes into one of their houses he does it as if it were his own, and without any compliments at all sits down with the rest; but says nothing. The housekeeper immediately offers him some victuals, which he receives as tho' he were at home; eats freely, and then begins to talk, to tell his business or relate a piece of news; but will enter, before he has eat, into no discourse. Sometimes, when friends meet, they say to one another, O brother, or Cousin, or use some such word expressing some relation. But they have terms expressive of more particular, and quite different relations, from any we use. Their children, born of the same parents, stand in three relations to one another; the eldest calling all the younger, whether brothers or sisters, Nheesumuk. The younger children call the elder brothers Netokhaunut; and there are other like relative terms, to which there are none in our language synonymous. And indeed their language, so far as I perceive as yet, is extremely different from all the European languages that I have any acquaintance with, and seems, as far as I can judge, in the Genius, phraseology and pronunciation of the words (which abound with gutturals) to be most like the language of the East (Hebrew); tho' I confess I am as yet a very incompetent judge.

Their women have a custom which is, for aught I know, peculiar to the aboriginal Americans; for they tell me it is common to all North America at least, viz: their girls, at the first flux of their menses, separate themselves from all society, live alone in the woods, some fourteen, some twenty and some forty days: must do no work at all, nor be seen by any man — for it is reckon'd ominous for a man to see them in their separation. They cut off their hair when they go out, and some of their women go out afterwards, at the return of their terms, and stay three or four days. What they mean by this custom, or whence they deriv'd it, I cannot tell.

"August 31, 1735 . . . The parting of man and wife is a very common thing among them. Indeed it us'd rarely to happen that a married couple live together till they are old. And as they use but little ceremony in the business of marriage, so they make a less thing of parting. In such a case 'tis their law that the children and all the household stuff belong to the woman; and indeed everything else but the *Gun*, for that is the man's livelihood. The man, according to their custom, has no right to the children, any more than any other person whatever."

— David P. McAllester

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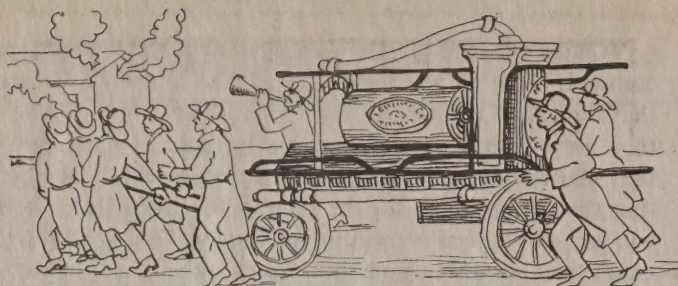
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— Mark Makuc

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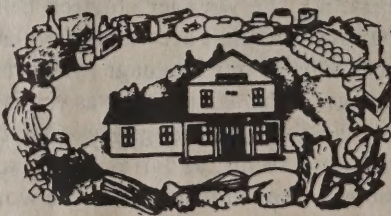
The new bookmobile finally made it to Monterey, despite mechanical difficulties. The familiar red-and-white has been replaced by a beige with green and blue lettering. The new one has more windows, which brighten up the interior considerably. The next visit will probably be in February, and the new bookmobile librarian should be there.

The alternative to the bookmobile in getting books that we don't have is through Inter-Library Loan. This service is centered in Hatfield, Massachusetts. Every Thursday a delivery service stops at the library and picks up our requests and returns, and at the same time it delivers the requests that they are able to fill. ILL is connected to a computer service that has found books for us from as far as North Carolina and Maine, although the majority come from the Springfield and Amherst areas. I have used this service for several college papers and had much more success than with my college library.

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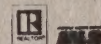
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

I wonder if your summer residents know about the treasures they can borrow at the Monterey Library through its membership in your Regional Public Library System. In recent years, since my retirement, I have been trying to catch up on the reading of some classics that had to be skipped when professional reading had first call on my summer leisure.

I've gone back to reading some things over a century old. Did you ever try to find something that old through the reserve system in a large city, or perhaps something quite recent but of small interest except to a specialist? You may learn that you have to sit in the reference room to read it.

Many times in summer I have gotten such books through our Monterey Library when the regional system has obtained them from another village or city library, or from one of the college libraries to the east of Berkshire. Last month the system went as far afield as Fairfield University in Connecticut to obtain a recently published book which I was unable to get in New York, except in the 42nd Street Reference Room.

It has been a great experience using our Monterey Library to catch up with hard-to-find books. I recommend it highly.

— Marion Clark
New York, New York

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Joyce and I received a postcard from Aberdeen, Scotland, written by a well-known international correspondent. It pictures an oldish sort of bridge and carries the following message:

"When the Scottish Public Works Department designed this bridge in 1283, there was a great public outcry from hundreds of citizens who wanted to preserve the existing organic ford. The Lord Provost of Aberdeen (unlike the selectmen of M.) refused to submit the matter to a special gathering of the clans. As a result, the good people of Aberdeen have had to endure this modern eyesore for 700 years! Best Regards, Hans."

— Lew Scheffey

LETTER TO MN READERS

Dear Readers,

Thought you'd like to hear a report from the hinterlands: One Sunday before Christmas I was enjoined to accompany a gaggle of Egremont Bluebirds (Myra being one of them) through the three nursing homes of Great Barrington on a caroling expedition. The children, dressed in white and blue with red sashes, walked slowly through the halls of each building, singing traditional carols with the skill and enthusiasm you'd expect of kids aged six to early teens. At the end of the first stint I noticed Monterey's own Margaret White, sitting bright-eyed in a circle of old folks in the foyer. I went over to say hi and asked Margaret how she was doing. She said very well, though she had some back pain, but when it acted up she just spanked it (demonstrating) and it went away! In the next nursing home down a corridor far from the entrance I suddenly saw Kelly Janes, sitting in the doorway of his room, looking very slim and tidy. I veered off from the long, straggling line of children and said hello. He didn't recognize me, but before I could explain who I was he said pointedly, "They should re-institute the *Singing School*." I argued that the kids weren't so bad. Kelly stuck to his guns. "They could be *better*." I changed the subject to my identity. I described myself as the former editor of the *Monterey News*. Kelly said, looking off into the distance, "There was never a newspaper in Monterey. There is the newspaper in Great Barrington and . . ." I interrupted, "Kelly, I used to publish your poetry in the *Monterey News*. Don't you remember it?" Kelly shook his head. "It's just a figment of wishful imagination," he said.

I hope somebody will take Kelly a copy of this issue. I rejoice in the fact that Margaret and Kelly and the *Monterey News* are all alive and kicking in this Year of our Lord 1986.

Nostalgically,

Ellen Pearson

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All dressed up for Halloween are some second graders from Monterey. (Left to right) Emily Carlisle, Kevin Ohman, Mike Mielke, Jimmy Jones and Alana Yost.

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